WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) released the following statement commemorating: the seventh anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001:

"On this seventh anniversary of the most horrific terrorist attack in American history, we pause to honor those men, women, and children who were lost or injured at the hands of men wielding a murderous ideology.

"We continue to offer our sincere thanks and praise to the heroes - the first responders and civilians - who risked their lives to save others. Their sacrifices lit our darkest hour, and their bravery touched our lives.

"In the years since, innumerable acts of selflessness, devotion, and courage have sped our recovery. Every day, our men and women in uniform dedicate their lives to protecting all Americans from the dangers that threaten our way of life and very existence. Others work to ensure that those immediately impacted by the events of 9/11 have the care and assistance they need to live full lives. We must not merely remember those men and women on this day, but every day

"May their memories, and the memory of that horrible day, inspire us to meet a challenging new century with all of the resolve that has made America great."

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